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Promotion and protection of the rights of children

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The rights of the child

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming all of its previous resolutions on the rights of the child,[1] in particular its resolutions 55/78 and 55/79 of 4 December 2000, and taking note with appreciation of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/75 of 25 April 2001,[2]

Considering the postponement of the special session of the General Assembly on children due to exceptional circumstances,

Welcoming the progress made so far in the preparation for the special session of the General Assembly on children, including in its outcome document, and reaffirming that the special session, while reviewing the achievements in the implementation and results of the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s, adopted by the World Summit for Children,[3] will make a renewed commitment and consider future action for children in the forthcoming decade,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union.

[1] Resolutions 50/153, 51/77, 52/107, 53/128 and 54/149.

[2] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2001, Supplement No. 3* (E/2001/23), chap. II, sect. A.

[3] A/45/625, annex.

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1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "We the children: end-decade review of the follow-up to the World Summit for Children"[4] and the reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child[5] and on children and armed conflict,[6] as well as the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict;[7]

2. *Welcomes* the fact that, as at 18 October 2001, ten States had become parties to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography,[8] thereby allowing it to enter into force on 18 January 2002, and that, as at 29 October 2001, seven States had become parties to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict;[9]

3. *Welcomes also* the adoption of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,[10] as well as the large number of ratifications of International Labour Organization Convention No. 138 concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment and Convention No. 182 concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour;

4. *Welcomes* the convening of the Second World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children at Yokohama, Japan, from 17 to 20 December 2001, and invites Member States and observers to ensure their participation at a high political level;

5. *Decides*:

(a) To request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the rights of the child, containing information on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocols thereto;

(b) To request the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict to submit to the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights reports containing relevant information on the situation of children affected by armed conflict, bearing in mind the existing mandates and reports of relevant bodies;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to conduct an in-depth study on the issue of violence against children, as set out in Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/75;[2]

(d) To revert to its comprehensive consideration of this question at its fifty-seventh session under the item entitled "Promotion and protection of the rights of children".

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[4] A/S-27/3.
[5] A/56/203.
[6] A/56/342-S/2001/852.
[7] A/56/453.
[8] Resolution 54/263, annex II.
[9] Ibid., annex I.
[10] Resolution 55/25, annex II.